(c) Appropriate action will be taken on receipt of the recommendations of the symposium.

Improvement in the condition of LNJP

290. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Times of India dated the April 10, 1993 under the heading "Confusion, neglect at LNJP"; and

(b) what action has been taken by the Government to improve the conditions at the Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Hospital ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Administration have reported that the news report contains certain mispresentations and inaccuracies which have been pointed out to the Editor, Times of India. However, facilities in the Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narain Hospital are being augmented in a phased manner. There is a proposal to procedure a whole body C. T. Scan. An Intensive Care Unit is to start soon. During the 8th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to upgrade the casualty & emergency services. The existing facilities are also being reviewed periodically and upgraded in the interest of patient care.

Agitation by AIIMS Nursing Staff

291. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the nursing staff of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi are agitating for implementation of the Health Ministry's order putting the emoluments of the AIIMS nurses at par with the other Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to meet the demand of the nurses ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The nursing staff of the AIIMS, New Delhi have been interalia agitating for implementation of the cadre review, provision of accommodation etc. Discussions have already been held with their representatives with the objective of providing upward mobility to the nursing cadre while ensuring that proper patient care facilities continue to be provided.

Treatment of Cancer by HERBS

292. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a herbal oil produced from the herb 'manchests' is being used extensively in the treatment of cancer in the guruvayeu region;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the treatment is giving good results;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce that treatment to hospitals also; and

(d) if so, by when ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) A news report to this effect has come to Govt's notice.

(b) Government has no such information.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Import of Rocaltral Capsule

293. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question 2708 in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1993 and state :

(a) which book suggests clinical trials of Rocaltral Capsule;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rocaltral is an active form of Vitamin-D;

(c) if so, whether any applications have been received for importing Rocaltral capsule; and

(d) how many applications are lying with the Government for granting import license in respect of the import of the said Capsule ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) 'Rocaltral' is the brand name of a basic drug called 'Calcitriol', which a metabolite of Vitamin D3. It is covered under the definition of "New Drug" in the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, Requirement of clinical trial of new drugs is laid down in the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules.

(c) and (d) One application has been received for registration of Calcitriol capsules as "new Drug".

WHO Report on Possible Spread of Malaria and allied Epidimics

294. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government as seen the report of World Health Organisation on possible spread of Malaria and allied epidemics if so, what measures Government propose to take to arrest such recurrence in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to reactivate Malaria eradication schemes or advice the State Governments to introduce other measures ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) There is no such WHO report as per information received from the South East Asia regional office of WHO.

(b) For control of malaria, malariogenic stratification alongwith the implementation of a revised strategy consisting of prompt case detection and treatment and use of new bio-technologies for vector control is planned.

Procurement of Unani Medicines by the CGHS Dispensary

295. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is no regular local purchase system of Unani medicines in CGHS dispensary as in allopathy or other systems;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that the existing system in Unani CGHS dispensary to procure the medicines is very long and cumbersome that the patients have to wait for more than a month to get the medicines; and

(c) whether Government propose to simplify this process of getting Unani medicines without causing difficulty to the patients including the Members of Parliament ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) There is a CGHS Unani formulary in Delhi for the three Units and one Dispensary. In addition, the Unani Medical Stores Depot has also been authorised to purchase non-available medicines from M/s Hamdard Laboratory, Delhi. This system is reported to be working satisfactorily.

Revamped Action Plan for Family Welfare Programme in Districts of Bihar, M.P. U.P.

296. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state : what specific Policy and implementary measures have been taken by the Government since April, 1992 for spreading and improving maternity and Child health care, Family planning facilities in the 83 districts of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh selected for special strategy under the revamped acton plan for family Welfare programme ?